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Docket No. 2009-479-W/S

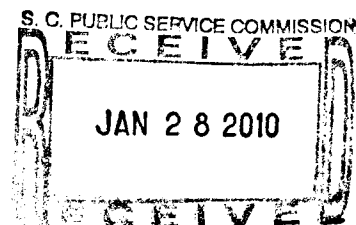
This letter is in reference to Docket No. 2009-479-W/S regarding the application for adjustment of rates and charges by United Utility Companies Inc. I am hereby requesting a hearing in Greenville County (my current county of residence) regarding this matter. If any further correspondence is needed please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Name Printed: Jennifer Hice

Signature: Jennifer Hice

Date: 1/18/10



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2009-479-WS

**UNITED UTILITY COMPANIES, INC. APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

United Utility Companies, Inc. (UUC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges and modification of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service. UUC is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(4) (Supp. 2008), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 2000-210-W.S.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2008) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.4.A and 103-712.4.A (Supp. 2008), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service rates. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503 and 103-703, Applicant further proposes a modification to the terms and conditions under which a tenant will be billed for water and sewer services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2008), as same may be amended in the future. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-703, Applicant proposes to add language requiring its customers who install, permit to be installed or maintain a cross connection between the Company's water system and any other non-public water system to install a backflow prevention device in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as may be amended from time to time. The Company further proposes to require such customers to annually have such cross connection inspected by a licensed certified tester and provide to Utility no later than June 30th of each year a copy of a written inspection report and testing results submitted by the certified tester in accordance with 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F (Supp. 2008), as same may be amended from time to time. Additionally, Applicant proposes to modify the provision dealing with single family equivalents to incorporate the pertinent regulation of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHHC"), and to include language pertaining to the terms and conditions for extensions of its facilities for service. Applicant also proposes to amend its rate schedule to provide that, in lieu of mailing its customers a paper bill, it may provide an electronic bill to its water and sewer customers on the Company's website if requested by the customer in writing. Finally, the Company proposes to increase its approved Notification Fee to be charged in connection with a notice required to be provided pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-535.1 (Supp. 2008) prior to disconnection of sewer services.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms and conditions UUC asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable return on its investment and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services. Further, the Company asserts that an increase in its Notification Fee is necessary due to increased postal costs and increased mailings due to the number of delinquent customers.

**THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW**  
(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov))

**WATER**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Monthly Charges		
Residential (per single family house, condominium, mobile home, apartment unit)		
Residential	\$11.50	\$12.00 per unit
Base Facilities Charge	\$4.50 per 1,000	\$8.00 per 1,000
Commodity Charge	gallon or 13.4 ct	gallon or 13.4 ct

**SEWER**